

To Senators on the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy,

If the Rudd Government is to get serious about addressing the issue of climate change, it must make the polluters pay instead of offering billions of dollars in compensation and free permits to the big polluters to keep polluting. Clearly, the target range of 5-15% is unacceptably low and must be urgently reviewed. There must be heavy investment in renewable energies, such as solar thermal power plants, wind turbines and small scale well targeted hydro schemes right NOW.

In years to come, can we look our children in the eye and say this is the best we could do when the Great Barrier Reef is lost and millions of homes wiped out by rising sea levels and for what: the short sightedness and greed of the carbon industry whose interests are listened to before the Australian people. This is a huge betrayal of trust when the Rudd Government was brought to office with the promise to get real about climate change.

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